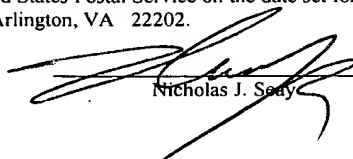


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In response to an Office Action dated July 1, 2002 in the file of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 6, delete the paragraph beginning on line 3 and substitute the following:

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--Techniques for the initial derivation, culture, and characterization of the human ES cell line H9 were described in J. Thomson et al., 282 Science 1145-1147 (1998). In my experiments herein human ES cells were then plated on irradiated (35 gray gamma irradiation) mouse embryonic fibroblast. Culture medium for the present work consisted of 80% "KnockOut" Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) (Gibco BRL, Rockville, MD), 1 mM L-Glutamine, 0.1 mM β -mercaptoethanol, and 1% nonessential amino acids stock (Gibco BRL, Rockville, MD), supplemented with either 20% fetal bovine serum (HyClone, Logan, UT) or 20% KnockOut SR medium adjuvant, a serum-free replacement originally optimized for mouse ES cells (Gibco BRL, Rockville, MD). The components of KnockOut SR medium adjuvant are those described for serum replacements in W0 98/30679.--